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- There are two state fisheries in Kolobrzeg (Kolberg), namely Barka, which is directed by Jozef Chul, a fisherman who is an active Communist and UB (Security Police) agent; and Belona, which is directed by Jozef Damaslawski, who is not a member of the Communist Party. The latter fishery has a part of its management staff located in Dziwnow (Dievenow). The fisheries employ over 300 people of whom 125 are fishermen and the remainder clerks, storekeepers, etc. All of the fishermen are required to live in a fishermen's colony which is located near the port. The fishing fleet of these fisheries consist of five motorboats, four small cutters, each about 12 meters in length, and 26 large cutters which are between 17 and 18 meters in length. The new cutters which the fisheries have received have been constructed in Gdwnia and Swinouiscie (Swinemuende) and measure between 17 and 18 meters in length.

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The majority of the boats and cutters fish in the waters near Bornholm on the so-called "Mittelbank". The physical installations available to these fisheries in Kolobrzeg consist of a small repair shipyard, where a new slip is being constructed, and a new cooling plant, finished in 1952, which is located on the western bank of the port-canal. A spur track connects this cooling plant with the railroad station.

- The town of Darlowo (Ruegenwalde) has one state fishery called Kuter which employs about 200 people. 110 of whom are fishermen. The fishing fleet consist of 17 large cutters, each about 17 meters in length; five cutters, each about 15 meters in length; two cutters, each about 14 meters in length; two cutters, each about 12 meters in length; and one iron cutter which is about 19 meters in length. The cutters fish in the same waters as those boats belonging to the state fishery in Kolobrzeg. The physical installations available to this fishery consist of two cooling plants in the harbor: one large German constructed plant which is situated near the Darlowo railroad station, and a small plant, erected in 1949, which is located in a large store near the harbor. The Darlowo shipyard has not been used since it was plundered by the Soviets in 1947. However, a small repair workshop has been erected, and in July 1953, a repair shop,

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equipped with an electric crane which is able to lift an 18-meter cutter, was completed. About 15 German fishermen and their families still reside in Darlowo. These fishermen did not flee from Darlowo because they thought that the living conditions which existed in Poland immediately after the war were only temporary. East German Communists have attempted to persuade them to come to East Germany, but they have refused since they believe that every country dominated by the Soviets has the same living conditions.

3. The fishermen, clerks, storekeepers, etc., employed by the Polish state fisheries are rotated quite often among the fisheries because the Communists do not want these people to develop close friendships and thus plot their escape from Poland. Trusted Communists are, however, allowed to stay at the same fishery for an extended period of time, but their number is small. The Communists have therefore begun to train women as fishermen because it is believed that women will not attempt to escape Poland as readily as male fishermen.
4. All fishermen will be partially integrated into the navy the latter part of this year. The fishermen will wear merchant marine uniforms, and the captains of the fishing cutters will receive non-commissioned officers ratings. The vessels will go to their fishing grounds in groups of four to five and the two vessels which have the strongest motors will be armed with machine guns. One of the armed cutters will have a naval officer on board who will act as commander of the group. Fishing courses were opened up at the end of October 1953 in Darlowo and Kolobrzeg for naval officers, WOP (Military Border Guard) officers and some delegates from the state fishing directorate in Slupsk (Stolp).
5. All cutters which are over 18 meters in length are constructed of iron and all the larger cutters are equipped with a radio-telephone and binoculars. The majority of these fishing cutters which are over 18 meters in length are constructed in Gdynia. The crew on board a cutter which is up to 15 meters in length usually consists of three men, while the crew on board a cutter of over 15 meters in length usually consists of five men. [redacted] all Polish fishermen are forbidden to make contact with foreign or other Polish vessels while out at sea. 25X1 However, in case of an emergency, a fishing cutter is permitted to get in touch with another Polish vessel, but every member of the crew, including the captain, must then submit a written report covering this incident, and also report the occurrence immediately after the arrival in port. The punishment for failing to report the incident is four years imprisonment for the captain and two years for each member of the crew.

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